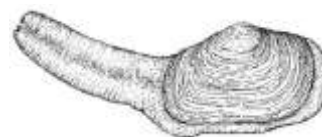

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK CLAM FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ketchikan. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information regarding the Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck clam fishery.

The following areas will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck clams for live sale from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 19, 2012:**

District 1:

Vegas and Hotspur Islands (Subdistrict 101-25-003): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 134,400 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Southern Gravina Island (Subdistrict 101-29-005): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 15,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

By regulation, all geoducks harvested must be clearly labeled with the date of harvest, the harvester's name and the location of harvest.

In order to facilitate weekly sampling schedules the Alaska Department of Fish and Game must receive timely information about the harvest by area. Divers are requested to contact the company buying their geoduck clams with an estimate of pounds harvested. **All companies buying geoduck clams are requested to contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial Fisheries, Ketchikan office before 12:00 noon on Friday, April 20, 2012 with a harvest estimate by subdistrict.**

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M0912.

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